PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For:

A METHOD FOR PRODUCING CHEWING GUM GRANULES AND COMPRESSED

GUM PRODUCTS, AND A CHEWING GUM GRANULATING SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

Claim 33 (Amended). Use of the methods according to claim 1 in the production of a chewing gum product, such as compressed chewing gum tablets.

Claim 34 (Amended) A chewing gum product obtained by any of the methods according to claim 1.